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## Remarks

# A. Pending Claims

Claims 415-458, 491, 496, 1093-1111, and 1113-1193 are pending. Claim 1112 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 415, 448, 453-458, 491, 496, 1099, and 1109 have been amended. Claims 1124-1193 are new.

#### B. The Claims Are Directed to Statutory Subject Matter

The Examiner rejected claims 453 and 496 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claims were directed to a carrier medium. Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections. Nevertheless, to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicant has amended claims 453 and 496 to be directed to a "computer readable medium". Applicant submits that claims 453 and 496 are allowable.

### C. Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 1112 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if written in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 415 has been amended to include the features of claim 1112. Claim 1112 has been cancelled. Claim 415 describes a combination of features including: "wherein at least one writing profile representation comprises at least one cross-field correlation between at least two information fields." Applicant respectfully submits claim 415 is allowable.

Claims 448, 453, 458, 491, and 496 have been amended to describe a combination of features including: "wherein at least one writing profile representation comprises at least one cross-field correlation between at least two information fields." For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 415, Applicant submits that claims 448, 453, 458, 491, and

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496 are allowable.

## D. Additional Comments

Based on the above, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A fee authorization form is enclosed for excess claim fees. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If additional fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5053-00509/EBM.

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